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APPENDIX XIII.

[Vide answer to question No. 1143 asked by Mr. D. Narayana Raju at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th January 1929, page 228 supra.]

Letter from A. H. A. Todd, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of West Godavari, dated the 7th July 1928, *Opc. No.* 113/28.

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The twenty-four channels noted below were under management of panchayats during the year under report :—

(1) Dosapadu West side channel.
(2) Bhimarajukunta channel.
(3) Dendulur channel
(4) Tallapalem channel and its branches.
(5) Nandamur channel.
(6) Marampalli channel.
(7) China Paidava channel.
(8) Peda Paidava channel.
(9) Karrakodu channel.
(10) Ai Bhimavaram No. 1 channel.
(11) Garuvu channel.
(12) Ai Bhimavaram No. 2 channel.
(13) Kallakuru channel.
(14) Bhaskara Rao Kodu channel.
(15) Aredu No. II channel.
(16) Kesavaram No. 2 channel.
(17) Yendagandi channel.
(18) Garagoparru No. 2 channel.
(19) Kovvada channel.
(20) Pottilanka channel.
(21) Kandaravalli, branch of Koderu parallel channel.
(22) Koderu No. 1 channel, branch of Rapaka channel.
(23) Khandavalli No. 1 channel.
(24) Do. parallel channel.

2. The three following channels which were ordered to be transferred to panchayat management have not yet been handed over for the reasons noted against them :—

Arulla channel.—On hearing from the Executive Engineer that necessary repairs to the channel were executed, I asked the Revenue Divisional Officer, Bhimavaram, to form a panchayat. He has formed a panchayat and asked the Executive Engineer to hand over the channel to the panchayat.

Andalur parallel channel.—The Executive Engineer has recently reported that the channel has been completely repaired. The Revenue Divisional Officers, Narasapur and Bhimavaram, have been asked to form a panchayat.

Bhimavaram No. II branch channel.—This has been removed from the list of channels to be handed over to panchayat management in G.O. No. 1826 I., dated 23rd August 1927.

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3. All the channels except those given below have generally been kept in good order :—

(1) Tallapalem channel and its branches
(2) Marampalli channel.
(3) China Paidava channel.
(4) Peda Paidava channel.
(5) Karrakodu channel.
(6) Garuvu channel.
(7) Kallakur channel.
(8) Aredu No. II channel.
(9) Kesavaram No. II channel.
(10) Garagaparru channel.
(11) Kovvada channel.
(12) Kandavalli branch.

4. Water has been generally well distributed and there have been no complaints of short supply or unequal distribution. It is reported that the tail end ryots of Garagaparru channel are averse to the panchayat management as it is unsatisfactory. The panchayatdars will be warned that the control of the channel will be resumed by Government if there is no improvement. The Executive Engineer says that the Kallakur channel is still in disrepair and that the management of the channel by the panchayatdars is very unsatisfactory. He suggests that the management of the channel may be taken over by Government. The Tahsildar, Bhimavaram, however says that the channel has been partially repaired. The panchayatdars may therefore be given one more chance to improve. They will be warned that the management will be resumed by Government, if they do not keep the channel in proper repair. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Nidadavole, reports that the Panchayat of the Tallapalem channel has been working well and that the channel is maintained in good order, while the Executive Engineer says that the channel continues to be in a bad state. The Revenue Divisional Officer and the Executive Engineer are being requested to explain the discrepancy. Kandaravalli branch of Koderu No. 1 channel and Koderu No. 1 channel (branch of Rapaka channel) are reported to have been mismanaged. It is reported that the full number of pipes are wanting at pipe sites under (1) China Paidava channel, (2) Peda Paidava channel, (3) Karakodu channel, (4) Pottilanka channel, (5) Kandaravalli branch of Koderu parallel channel and that there are holes at pipe sites of Kesavaram No. II channel. The Executive Engineer and the Revenue Divisional officers will be requested to warn the panchayatdars that if these defects are not rectified soon, the control of the channels will be taken over by Government.

5. The annual grants allotted to the following channels for 1927–28 are reported to have been drawn and spent for the repairs of the following channels :—

(1) Kesavaram No. II channel.
(2) Ai Bhimavaram No. I channel.
(3) Do. No. II channel.
(4) Bhaskara Rao Kodu channel.
(5) Pottilanka channel.

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(6) Yendagandi channel.
(7) Karacodu channel.
(8) Tallapalem channel.

6. The annual grant of Rs. 15 sanctioned to Kandaravalli branch channel for the year under report was drawn and paid to the President of the Panchayat. The Revenue Divisional officer says that the President complains that it is inadequate and requests that an estimate for the repairs may be got prepared by the Public Works Department and additional funds sanctioned. The Executive Engineer is being requested accordingly. The amount of Rs. 50 sanctioned for Garagaparru channel for 1927-28 was it is reported, spent by the panchayat in liquidating the debt incurred in connexion with repairs to the channel in the previous year.

7. On the whole the panchayat system has been working satisfactorily and smoothly. A good many of the panchayatdars seem to be realizing their responsibilities regarding the regulation of water-supply and the ayacut ryots also are co-operating with the panchayatdars.

APPENDIX XIV.

[Vide answer to question No. 1144 asked by Mr. D. Narayana Raju at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th January 1929, page 229 supra.]

Irrigation Works—Transfer of control to Informal Panchayats—Set of conditions.

CONSTITUTION OF INFORMAL PANCHAYATS.

The ryots owning or cultivating lands under the works or their nominees or representatives shall form the electoral body.

2. The Revenue Divisional Officer shall convene a meeting of the electoral body for the election of panchayatdars. The number of panchayatdars shall not be less than five. At least one representative for each village which the irrigation work irrigates shall be on the panchayat. The qualifications to be prescribed for the panchayatdars are left to the decision of the electoral body at its first meeting.

3. The normal period of membership shall be three years, but at the annual meeting presided over by the Divisional Officer an opportunity shall be given to the electoral body to remove any panchayatdar and choose a substitute.

4. The president of the panchayat shall be chosen by panchayatdars.

5. Meetings of the panchayat shall be held at least once a month. The quorum for each meeting shall be three. The date of the meeting shall be notified by the president in some public place such as the village chavadi at least three days before the date of each meeting. Copies of the minutes of the meeting shall be sent to the Collector and the Executive Engineer for information.

6. The District Collector may dissolve the panchayat at will without assigning any reasons.